L'Shana Tovah Tikateyvn 5778-2018
May Everyone Be Blessed in the Book of Life for a Sweet Year

HONORING OUR CHAPTER WOMEN OF THE YEAR
and
INSTALLATION OF OUR SUFFOLK REGION BOARD

Tuesday, October 24, 2017
Stonebridge Country Club
2000 Raynors Way • Smithtown, NY
11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Boutique shopping and cocktail hour begins at 10:00 a.m.
Dynamic Speakers, Shopping Boutique throughout the day,
Gift Baskets and Raffle Prizes

RABBI! DOCTOR!
PLEASE GUIDE ME
A lively interactive discussion
on Jewish Medical Ethics

Rabbi Aaron Benson
North Shore Jewish Ctr.

Marc Shapiro, M.D.
Stony Brook Hospital

OUR 2017 REGION
WOMAN OF THE YEAR
ANN HELLER

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FROM STACY BERMANN,
HADASSAH SUFFOLK PRESIDENT

Hadassah Hospital on Mount Scopus was completed in 1934, and we were the ones to introduce modern health care to Israel. But after the War of Independence, that hospital fell behind Jordanian territory. We then built Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem which was completed in 1961. It wasn’t until the Six Day War in 1967 that the two hospitals were reunited under Hadassah’s care. Mount Scopus was in terrible shape. It took 8 years to rebuild, but we raised the money necessary for its rededication.

Hadassah is older than the state of Israel, but we share a common history. Our love for Hadassah is synonymous with our love for Israel. Now, we celebrate 50 years since the reunification of both Jerusalem and Mount Scopus. Hadassah and Israel are forever linked together.

While we applaud the medical breakthroughs and successes at Hadassah, more work remains to be done. As an example, the Round Building at Ein Kerem is now 56 years old and needs to be modernized. The rooms are crowded and patients are often lined up in the hallways. More beds need to be put in, and the entire building needs a facelift. As Hadassah Medical Organization sees one million patients each year, this building needs to expand to accommodate the growing population. The women of Hadassah raised the money needed to build the Sarah Wetsman Davidson Tower, and now we are starting a new campaign to fundraise for the Round Building. We have done it before, and we will do it again!

Besides the hospitals, we visited the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem, the beaches of Tel Aviv, and the desert region in the Negev. On Saturday morning in Jerusalem, we walked to Shabbat services at a few local synagogues. One woman saw our Hadassah hats and came to speak to us. Through translation, she told us about her granddaughter. The baby was born with Down Syndrome and had a hole in her heart. At three months of age, the infant was treated at Hadassah Hospital where the doctors operated on her tiny heart and repaired the hole. The woman thanked each of us for helping to save her granddaughter’s life. This represents what Hadassah does. Our donations save lives.

The members and associates of Hadassah have always stepped up when funds were needed in Israel, and this coming year is no exception. As we begin 5778, I am hoping that the WOMEN WHO DO will be energized about our passion for Hadassah and what it stands for. We continue to raise funds because Hadassah means so much to us and to the world.

Shanah Tovah,
Stacy Berman
Hadassah’s National Assembly Conference Business Meeting and Symposium was held Sunday, July 16, 2017 through Wednesday July 19, 2017 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri.  **Motivate and Mobilize** was the theme of the meeting.  Approximately 200 delegates from across the country attended the conference headed by National President Ellen Hershkin.  As always, it was an enriching, engaging and motivating four days of meetings.  Suffolk was represented by Region President Stacy Berman and past Region Presidents Phyllis Abramson and Karen Feit.

The most important resolution passed was the creation of a “Campus Campaign” at HMO, Ein Kerem, starting with the “Round Building” with a fundraising goal of 92.7 million dollars.  Additional phases in future years may include the following Centers of Excellence: Comprehensive Women’s Center, Oncology Center, Heart Center, Rehabilitation Center and a Children’s Hospital.  This Ein Kerem “Campus Campaign” will be launched in 2018.  It is the vision of current Director General Dr. Zeev Rotstein.

Among the speakers were  National President Ellen Hershkin, Executive Director/CEO Janice Weinman, Dr. Rachel Schonberger, HMO Chair, Prof. Zeev Rotstein, Director General of HMO.

A Youth Aliyah update featured stories of at-risk Israeli youth on a path to success, thanks to Hadassah.

**We Got the Power**, a new membership campaign was launched.

Hadassah Executive Director/CEO Janice Weinman spoke of “the power of women to change the status quo.”  Calling herself “a true believer in Hadassah,” she said, “I believe that now is the time for us to alter the status quo, to achieve the future we all desire and that over five generations of Hadassah women worked so hard to achieve.”

We aim to support and strengthen Israel, the Jewish People and all Humanity.


Please consider a donation to Hadassah so we can continue all we do.

Love in Hadassah,
Phyllis J. Abramson

More Highlights

- The National Board passed [two new policy statements on Combating Anti-Semitism and Women’s Health Equity](#).

- A lively Defining Zionism session on “How Today’s Decisions Impact the Next Generation” raised crucial points.

- Experts shared tools and strategies to fight the recent rise in anti-Semitism.

- Our new Hadassah tzedakah box made its debut to support Young Judaea scholarships.

- Preliminary plans were unveiled for “From Passion to Action: Celebration 2018 National Women’s Summit Conference” in Washington, DC, May 2018 & an exciting October 2018 Celebratory Mission to Israel.

First Year presidents at National Meeting
With National President, Ellen Hershkin

Suffolk Region President, Stacy Berman, with Prof. Zeev Rotstein, Director General of the Hadassah Medical Organization, and other region presidents from across the country.
Metro Area Symposium

Ellen Hershkin, Hadassah National President
Joyce Rabin, Hadassah International Chair
Francine Klagsbrun, Author of Lioness: Golda Meir and the Nation of Israel
Galit Peleg, Consul for Public Diplomacy at the Consulate General of Israel in NY
David Kaylie, MD, Duke University
Susan Aronoff, PhD, Foremost Expert on Wedlocked Agunot
Ruth Cole, Hadassah United Nations Chair

Sunday, October 22, 2017
9:30am to 3:00pm
(Continental Breakfast and Lunch provided
Dietary Laws Observed)
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Four Times Square, 37th Floor
Entrance on 43rd Street
(Between 6th Ave and Broadway)
Manhattan

Registration: $40 by October 6 -- Non-Refundable
Members, Associates and Guests Welcome!

Name ___________________________________ Region __________________________
Address ___________________________________ City, State, Zip _______________________
Email ___________________________________ Phone ________________________________

I am unable to attend but wish to make a donation of $_____ TOTAL ENCLOSED: $_____

Please make checks payable to HADASSAH; mail to Roberta Spinnell, 733 Verona Drive
Melville, NY 11747

Registration available online at www.hadassah.org/events/metrosymposium

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On Sunday, May 21st, the Suffolk Region held our 4th Annual Walkathon for Stem Cell Research at Heckscher State Park. We were cautiously optimistic when we began our planning, but, in the end, it was our most successful Walkathon yet.

Our fundraising included several different approaches. Once again, we set up our Walkathon website, where walkers could register and supporters could make donations. We provided all our chapters with flyers to include in newsletters and sent out E-Blasts to all our members to remind them of our efforts and encourage their participation. We mailed out hundreds of letters to local businesses, synagogues and personal contacts. We held a kickoff event in April, chaired by Lee Pinchuk and hosted by Nechama Gonenn, where three speakers shared their expertise and experiences with stem cell research and treatment. We offered recognition on signs at the Walkathon for donations of $250.00 or more.

We also got lucky on the day of the Walkathon. It was a beautiful day—perfect for a walk in the park. We served coffee and bagels and a live band, Just Cause, provided some great music before and after the walk. I think it’s safe to say that everyone who attended had a great time.

When all the bookkeeping was done, we had raised $40,000! All of these funds have been directed to stem cell research at Hadassah Medical Organization—research that can bring hope to people all over the world suffering with MS, ALS, Macular Degeneration, Parkinson’s Disease and so many more life threatening illnesses. When cures are found, as we trust they will be, you can take pride in knowing that the Suffolk Region has played a part.

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**Our Region Kick-off Event**

Oh What a Day! Late April back in 2017!
What a very special time for us cause I remember what a day!

Our gracious hostess, Nechama Gonenn, welcomed us into her lovely home. Our guest speakers were: Alice Wu, High School Siemens Competition Finalist who is now on her way to Yale, Dr. Marcia Simon, Department of Oral Biology and Pathology at Stony Brook and Robin Morrell, Touro College, Recipient of PRP/Stem Cell Treatment. After suffering her whole life with many spine surgeries, she said “Look, I’m wearing heels today.”

We want to thank all of you for your support in raising $18,000. We certainly are making miracles happen. Yes, it certainly was a special day!

Luv “n” Peace
Lee Pinchuk
**Leadership Training Day**

On Monday June 5, 2017 Suffolk Region held a leadership training day—what a wonderful experience it was. In attendance were outstanding trainers from National, all there to inform us about the “New Hadassah”.

Our presenters were Haren Haber & Rosie Torres from the Development Division, Grassroots Fundraising; Jenny Worsnopp, Membership Director; Bryce Diamond, Annual Giving Officer and George Kastanos from IT. All gave fabulous presentations with concentration on new and innovative ways to raise money for Hadassah. George taught us how to use new technology to make life a little easier for us. After our morning classes we had a wonderful lunch from Bagel Boss and started again. WOW! What a day, tiring but very satisfying, so much learned; so much accomplished.

For those that could not attend so sorry you missed a wonderful day.

A “Big Thank You” to all that did attend.

Roberta Spinnell, Suffolk Region Programming

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**Suffolk’s Past Region President Elected to National Board**

Phyllis Abramson, immediate past president of Suffolk Hadassah, was elected to Hadassah’s National Board at the St. Louis Conference & Business Meeting in July. Her three year term begins January 1, 2018.

Over two years ago, Hadassah changed its governance organization to a National Assembly divided into the National Portfolio Council of approximately 250 members and a National Board of approximately 60 members. It is the National Board that votes on Hadassah’s future direction—a very important vote and responsibility to have.

Phyllis is honored to be elected, and, as always will give her all to this Hadassah National position.

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**Pioneer Chapter Honors Debra Halpert, Suffolk Region Past President**

On Monday, August 7, at Oceanbleu overlooking the dunes in Westhampton Beach, Debra Halpert was honored by the Pioneer Chapter at their 22nd annual Woman of the Year fundraising luncheon. Debra, currently the Group Publisher of Hamptons and Beach Magazines, is a former President of Suffolk Region. Twenty-two years ago, Debra co-founded the Pioneer Chapter with Lee Bailin. Ten of the original signers of the charter were in attendance.

It was a full day, with: boutiques chaired by Brenda Ostreicher; silent auctions & raffles chaired by Sandi Gross, Linda Pearlman, Harriette Gilbert & Candy Volkommer; a fashion show by Worth NY where the members were the models; a sumptuous three-course glatt kosher lunch by Regal Caterers; seating chaired by Lorraine Richter; full goodie bags chaired by Elaine Schickman; a live solicitation of funds by David Kandell and an award presentation to Debra. Debra spoke from her heart about the impact Hadassah has had on her life. A new service award, in memory of our beloved Helen and Itchy Adelson, was presented as a surprise by their daughter and the chapter Presidents to Elaine Schickman, for her above and beyond work for Pioneer. Kudos to overall chairs Elisa Greenbaum & Elaine Bernstein and the entire committee, as a record sum was made for Hadassah and a good time was had by all attendees.
### 2017-18 Around Hadassah Suffolk Chapter and Region Events

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WE GOT THE POWER
MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN 2017-2018

Hadassah is powering up to recruit new members and engage our membership base with the We Got the Power campaign.

New Life member Incentive.  Experience the Power Contest.  Every new life member enrolled between September 1, 2017 and April 15, 2018 is eligible to participate and 5 women will win: grand prize Israel Mission or one of four 3-day New York City VIP trips.  For more information contact: Ann Heller -631-643-8608 or firstr612@gmail.com

Here’s how it Works:

Before April 15, 2018, the new life member submits a typewritten statement of 100 words or less on what the Power of Women Who Do means to her—addressing women’s empowerment, the power of women in the home, community, workforce or as it relates to Jewish continuity.  Winners will be announced at the May 2018 Women's health Summit in Washington, DC.

Submit your written Personal Perspective (after you have enrolled or upgraded to become a Hadassah Life Member) at any time between September 1, 2017 and April 15, 2018 to Hadassah, Attn: Experience the Power Contest, 40 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005; or online at email experiencethepower@hadassah.org or for more information go to http://www.hadassah.org/belong/rules-of-experience-the-power-contest.html

NEW CARDS FOR 2017

Hadassah’s Grass Roots Fundraising Division creates 3 new cards yearly. Our hot off the press 2017 cards include a New Year card, a Thinking of You card and a Shell for invitations and announcements.

All cards can be ordered from your chapter's Card and Certificate Chair and/or Fundraising Vice President.  Each card purchased realizes a small profit to Hadassah.

If you have artistic ability, I am always open to new creative ideas for our cards.  Please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Phyllis Abramson  631-342-1836
National Card & Certificate Chair

WHO WILL SAY KADDISH?

Memory is the gift we have that helps us keep our loved ones part of our lives even after they are gone—the times we shared, our joint joys and sorrows.

Hadassah’s Perpetual Yahrzeit Program ensures that Kaddish will be recited in Jerusalem for your loved ones. Every Year. Forever.

PERPETUAL YAHRZEIT
Kaddish will be recited for your loved one in Perpetuity in the Fannie and Maxwell Abbell Synagogue at Hadassah Medical Center beneath Marc Chagall’s iconic stained glass

ENHANCED PERPETUAL YAHRZEIT
Kaddish will be recited daily for 11 months after burial, after which Kaddish will be recited annually

ADVANCED YAHRZEIT
A reservation to ensure Kaddish will be recited for you and your loved ones upon their death. Available in standard and Enhanced Perpetual Yahrzeit.

For Information, please call Ellie Prager, Yahrzeit Chair—631-821-5021
IN THE NEWS

YOu AND I Can CHAnGE A LIfe
By Supporting Young Judaea Scholarships

- Give a child a Young Judaea camp experience
- Help a teen participate in a Young Judaea Israel Program
- Ensure Jewish continuity and future leadership

MAKE A DONATION TO HADASSAH OF AT LEAST $118!
AND YOU CAN RECEIVE THIS FABULOUS TZEDAKAH BOX IN GRATITUDE®

For more information contact Lee Pinchuk, 631-724-2468

ZIONISM

The word “Zionism” is often misunderstood. Hadassah invites thoughtful, engaging speakers to talk about Zionism from his/her personal perspective.

ADVOCACY

Add your voice and your strength to our advocacy efforts. Email your representatives or join us at your state capitol or on Capitol Hill to fight for women and families, and Israel. See what issues concern us now.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

What women need to know about breast cancer. We raise awareness and funds for research in creative ways. Learn about this disease and how to help yourself.

SOUNDINGS Fall/Winter 2017-18
Latest Developments From Hadassah Medical Organization Showcasing Medical Advances

**ISRAEL21C.ORG** has reported that a risky and delicate procedure was performed for the first time in Israel this week by an interdisciplinary team of Hadassah Medical Center physicians who repaired a severe heart defect in a 28-week-old fetus in the womb.

**Hadassah Removes Tumor; Gazan Boy Walks for First Time**

Sliman, was a four-year-old boy from Gaza who spent his life sitting in a wheelchair, unable to stand on his feet. A few weeks ago, when in severe respiratory distress, he was taken by a Red Crescent ambulance to Hadassah for surgery.

He had been born with a number of birth defects affecting his spine and chest and, although he had seen many doctors, they were unable to improve his situation. Hadassah Hospital surgeons, however, found and identified a large tumor lodged in his chest that had been pressing on his spine. Hadassah's pulmonary specialists treated his acute respiratory distress, and then its surgical team tackled the complex surgery to remove the entire tumor. After that, Sliman’s recovery was rapid, relates Prof. Uzi Izhar, head of Hadassah's General Thoracic Surgery Unit.

"Come on, kid, we start walking," Prof. Izhar told Sliman. And he did!!!

**Birthright Student Kimberly Winkler Saved After Massive Brain Aneurysm—7/25/17**

Hadassah Medical Organization doctors have saved the life of 22 year old Kimberly Winkler, an industrial engineering student from Minnesota who suffered a massive brain aneurysm, announced Ellen Hershkin, National President of Hadassah.

Winkler, a native of Santo Domingo, was in Jerusalem as part of the Birthright Program. While staying at a Jerusalem hotel, she began feeling ill and was taken by ambulance to Hadassah Ein Kerem. Winkler underwent three operations in which blood was drained from her brain and coils inserted to close the aneurysm. Winkler's condition gradually improved and she is now able to walk and speak and is making great progress in rehabilitative therapy. Eventually, she was discharged and will soon return home to Santo Domingo.

According to Dr. Kim Rosenthal, director of the neurosurgery department's intensive care unit "Kimberly suffered from an intractable, massive hemorrhage that endangered her life. An exploding aneurysm, very rare at such a young age, is a life threatening stroke. The treatment focuses on stopping the bleeding by cuffing, stent or bypass."

Hershkin states, "Every day, Hadassah's brilliant team of doctors and nurses save lives around the world and around the corner. Hadassah Medical Organization's $30M state-of-the-art operating theaters offer world-class medical facilities for all who enter its doors." Kimberly's mother, Miriam Winkler who flew in from Santa Domingo to be with her daughter, stated, "We can never thank Hadassah enough for giving us back our daughter. Faith and medicine are factors that work here in a perfect combination."

**Gender Equity in Medical Research:**

Most diseases affect men and women, but because of scarcity of medical research on women, we are just beginning to learn how gender affects prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes. In both the United States and Israel, Hadassah is advocating for policy change and funding for medical research that benefits women and men equally. In Israel, Dr. Zfat-Zwas’s gender equity initiative calls for change in 4 areas: government policy, health services, research and education.
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Registration/Donation Form
Donations to benefit the Hadassah Medical Organization

Name _________________________________ Chapter __________________________
Phone # ________________________ E-Mail ___________________________________
Names of Guests __________________________________________________________
Number Attending __________
Levels of Giving:  _____ $ 50.00 Lunch (glatt kosher on request)
                  _____ $ 100.00 Lunch and Donation
                  _____ $ 230.00 Lunch and Chai Society Membership

Please make all checks payable to your Chapter
and submit registration form to your Chapter representative
October 11th – Absolute deadline to guarantee seating with your Chapter
NO payment at the door.

Directions to Stonebridge Country Club:  From the West: Northern State Pkwy. Bear left at split onto Rte 347E. Make a U-turn at Townline Rd. Continue on 347/454 .3 miles. Turn right onto Raynors Way.
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All Jewish holidays begin at sundown before date shown. All Board Meetings start at 10:15 a.m. unless otherwise noted.